

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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March 22, 2026 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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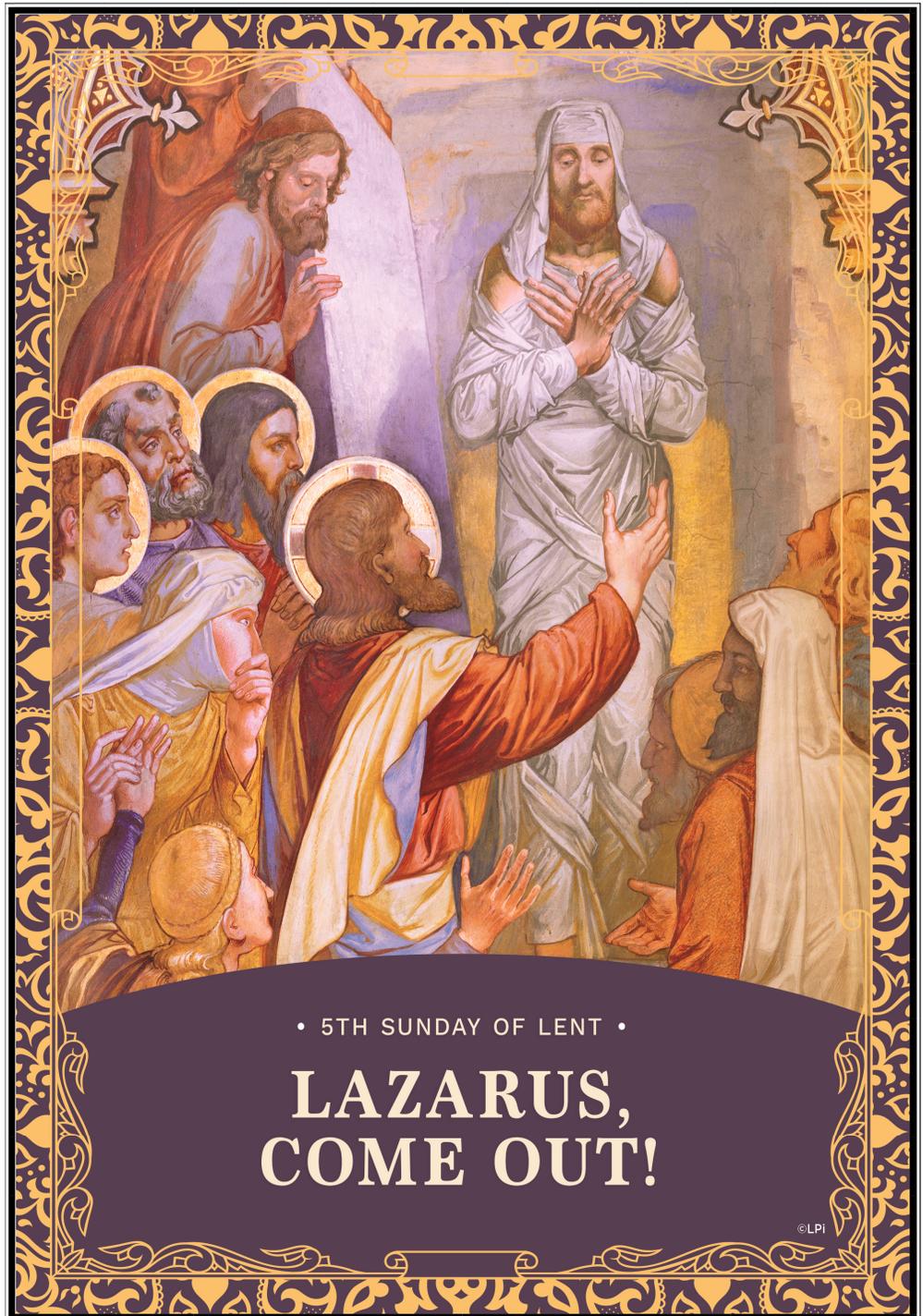
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-
7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)
Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)
Second Reading — If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Sprit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)
Gospel — “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (Jn 11:25-26)

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: Following 7:30 a.m. Mass until 8:45 a.m.
Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

23 Mon. **No Mass**
24 Tue. 6:30 p.m. Randall Hales †
25 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mike Miller † (1 year anniv.)
26 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Merlin and Mildred Dahlheimer
Family - living and deceased
27 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Bev Lahn †
28 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Jim Corrow † (3 year anniv.)
29 Sun. **7:00 a.m.** St. John the Baptist Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Don Williams † (4 year anniv.)

LITURGICAL ROLES

Next Weekend - March 28 and 29

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Stacy Glass and Teri Ray
Readers: Sheila Long
Rena Hales
Server: Thomas Bouley
Communion Minister: Cheri McCann

7:00 A.M.

Ushers: Russ Ray and Lisa Crosby
Readers: Scott Theisen
Terry McAlpine
Server: Logan Crosby
Communion Minister: Jake Reining

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Rob and Barb Carnes
Readers: Jim Penick
Cindy Gibbs
Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Cindy Gibbs
Children's Liturgy: No Children's Liturgy



SCRIP NEWS

Easter Shopping - Use Scrip gift cards for all your Easter shopping needs. For filling your Easter baskets and purchasing dinner supplies, we carry Coborn's, Cub Foods, Walmart, Walgreen's and Target plus we have many other merchants for your Easter decorating and Spring wardrobe purchases. There is no extra out-of-pocket expense to participate - Scrip gift cards are purchased at face value.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Mar. 28 5:00 p.m. Deb Sodman and Deb Stang
29 7:30 a.m. Linda McAlpine & **Volunteer**
9:00 a.m. Darlene Hagel & Pam Jordan



From the Pastor

This past week I had a lot of funerals - one of my priest friends is leading a pilgrimage so I covered for him and did a funeral on Wednesday, as well as for a friend's family group on Thursday. This seems fitting as our gospel for this Sunday is the death and raising of Lazarus. At masses on Sundays and solemnities we profess in the creed that we believe in the resurrection of the dead, but I think we can tend to spiritualize that claim. It doesn't help that the Church often talks about mortal sin as causing spiritual death, so the sacrament of reconciliation gives us new life by its graces, or that this week marks the beginning of Passiontide, the final week of preparation before Holy Week, and so we veil the images of church as a final deprivation of Lent and a symbolic burial before the events of Holy Week.

The resurrection of the dead is not just a spiritual claim. We as humans are body and soul, and denial of the resurrection of the body weakens or attacks that idea of their proper unity. We see this in this weekend's gospel, Jesus doesn't tell Martha and Mary that their brother will be ok spiritually, and he weeps, the only place in the scriptures where our Lord is record as crying, and raises Lazarus from the dead.

In our Lord's raising of Lazarus and Jesus' own resurrection, we ought to be reminded of the love of God for us, that God doesn't just care about parts of us: the state of our souls, what we do for works of charity or activism; but rather all of us - the whole human person. Everything we do, everything we are is meant to be a place where we live out that relationship with God, and we look forward to that final fulfillment at the end of time while in the here and now of the 5th Sunday of Lent, we make ready our hearts for the Lord. I've already mentioned confession, but in addition to our normal confession times - Friday mornings before mass, Saturday afternoons, and Sunday during the rosary, I've added extra times on Wednesdays. If you haven't been to confession yet during Lent, I would encourage you to go, so those parts of your life separated from God by sin may be raised to new life.

- Fr. John Powers

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29 - Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: **7:00 a.m.** and 9:00 a.m. (**Note: Time change for early Sunday Mass from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.**)

Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3 - Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. and Evening service at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 4 - Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 - 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY THANK YOU

Last weekend's collection for Global Solidarity totaled \$240.00. Our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, and especially Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. MUTUI

I want to take this time to sincerely thank you for your contributions. Your donation has helped us purchase desktops, machine shop and plumbing tools for St. John Paul II Institute. Your support will greatly benefit our college and empower our students. Your generosity helps us to get one step closer to our goals.

*Warm regards,
Fr. Robert Mutui*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross take place at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays of Lent. Please join us for this traditional Lenten devotion.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

- John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."



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Adult Envelopes (43)	\$ 2,229.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	216.00
Misc. Contribution - QCD	2,500.00
Automatic Deposits (21)	<u>788.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 5,733.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,607.00
Received Last Week	5,733.00
Projected Need to Date	213,066.00
Amount Received to Date	222,008.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 8,816.00
- This Week	8,942.00





BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

The CCW will be sponsoring a Bake Sale next weekend, March 28 and 29. Get out your recipes and find something special to help fill the Bake Sale tables. . . breads, cookies, bars, coffee cakes, candy, pies, muffins, snacks (salty or sweet), cupcakes, jams, jellies, or anything else you love baking. Please **label and price your items** and if ingredients include nuts please note what kind on the label for those with allergies. The Bake Sale will be held in the social hall after all Masses next weekend.

MINISTERS NEEDED - We are still in need of the following help for the **Easter Sunday** Masses: 2 Ushers for the 7:00 a.m. Mass and 1 Usher for the 9:00 a.m., Altar Servers for the 7:00 a.m. Mass, and 2 Scrip Sellers for 7:00 a.m. Mass and 2 for 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please call or email the parish office if you can help.

EASTER PLANT MEMORIALS

If you would like to have one or more of the Easter plants which adorn the sanctuary area for the Easter season as a memorial for a deceased loved one, please put your name and the name(s) of the one(s) being remembered in an envelope along with \$14.00 for each plant and drop it in the regular Sunday collection basket or mail it to the church. Deadline for memorial requests is next Sunday, March 29.

OLD PALMS COLLECTION

You may bring your old palms to church with you and place them in the collection bins located at the entrances of the church so they may be burned at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have open dates in the Mass schedule for Mass intentions. Masses may be offered for the living or deceased and for various reasons like remembrance, thanksgiving, or special intentions. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com. The usual stipend is \$7.00.



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Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity - God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Rice Bowls are available at the ex-its. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

BUYING STOCK IN YOUTH THIS WEEKEND

Today the youth of the parish attending Extreme Faith Camp this June will be asking you to "Buy Stock" in their spiritual growth. Our youth ministry programs could not exist without the generous donations of parishioners like you. If you'd like to make a gift you can give it to the youth at the doors today, or if you were not prepared to give, simply drop it in the collection next weekend marked "Buying Stock in Youth". Thank You!!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC THIS WEEK - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, March 25 . We have sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION MEDITATION II - MARCH 22

The second of five meditations was postponed for one week because of the snowstorm and so the second grade First Communicants will meet following today's Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel. This is part of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sacramental preparation. Parents are welcome to join us, or can visit in the social hall with coffee and treats. The session should only take about 25 minutes. Meditation III will take place next Sunday, March 29 also at 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD HELPERS NEEDED

- We are looking for additional people to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is the program where the younger children, age 3 through about age 7, go into the Chapel during the first half of Mass. Each week we have a "lead" that teaches a simple lesson which our Faith Formation Director prepares ahead of time and we also have an "aide" who is really just there as an extra person to help for supervision. We have a Google calendar to keep track of who is helping each week to make sure there are two of us. We could really use a couple more people so that our volunteers are only having to help once every month or so. You can be a parent of one of these age children, or of an older child, that does not matter. There is some training, and a background check required for safety reasons. Please email Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday and Good Friday at 8:00 p.m. The Living Stations is a dramatic presentation of the Passion and Death of Jesus. Visit www.stmcatholicchurch.org for more info.

CATHOLIC Q & A

HOLY SEE

Question: Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

Answer: A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair. ©LPi



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Bena Bourgeois, Karmina Calva, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Tim Timm, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Barder (sister of Ed Barder), Ricky Bengtson, Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Mary Bebeau (sister-in-law of Dave Bebeau), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Anderson Boss and Nancy Karls (friends of Mary Dahlheimer), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Dennis Daleiden, Collette Hardy, Andy Heid, Nikki Martinez, Virginia Resler, Phillip Robinson and Joe Simms (friends of Lynn Egert), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Dave Foster (brother of Char Barder), Nancy Hobbs (sister of Linda Bebeau), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Kathleen Weik (sister of Teri Ray), Edgar Zachman (father of Cindy Gibbs), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).

HELP REDUCE OUR KITCHEN CLUTTER

There are a number of serving bowls and cake pans that have accumulated in the kitchen leftover from the recent funeral luncheons. Please stop by the kitchen and pick up your dishes today.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 22

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
Buying Stock in Youth Fundraiser
- 10:00 a.m. First Communion Meditation II
(till approx. 10:25 a.m.)

Monday, March 23

- 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - The Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation, Social Hall
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 25

- Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions
- 5:30 p.m. Confessions (till 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, March 26

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Sub-Committee Meetings, Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Social Hall

Friday, March 27

- Day of Abstinence
- 7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
CCW Bake Sale

Sunday, March 29

- Palm Sunday
- 7:00 a.m.** Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
CCW Bake Sale
- 10:00 a.m. First Communion Meditation III
(till approx. 10:25 a.m.)

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of early publication deadlines, all bulletin information for the April 5 Easter bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by this Tuesday, March 24.

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